



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Motoshi KISHI et al.

Group Art Unit: 3724

Application No.: 09/661,778

Examiner: C. Dexter

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Docket No.: 106856

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR MAKING LABELS

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the April 21, 2005 Office Action, reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-3 are pending in this application.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 2 and 3, they being allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims. All pending claims are in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed below.

II. Double Patenting

Claim 1 is rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over U.S. Patent No. 6,341,548 to Hirahata et al. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

When rejecting claims under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting, the Examiner must properly define the subject matter of the claims at issue